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MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLE

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THE AMOUNT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES PAID TO-DAY IS AS FOLLOWS:—			
Brandy	£535 15 1
Gin	190 0 0
Whisky	282 0 0
Rum	£63 11 0
Tobacco and spirits	5 0 0
All other spirits	8 0 0
Wine	109 16 0
Tobacco and small	22 0 0
Cigars	13 15 0
Tea	6 2 0
Sugar, unrefined	20 0 0
do do—moleasses	9 14 0
Gold	3 15 0
Silver	27 5 0
Plutago	53 0 0
Iron	7 10 0
Total	£1,212 0 0

The amount of gold coin issued by the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint during the week ended to-day, April 15th, has been 95,000 sovereigns.

The quantity of gold dust imported into the same establishment during the week, for the purpose of coinage, has been 16,481 oz.

The Western, Southern, and Northern Escorts have arrived during the week from our several gold-fields, and have delivered at the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint the following quantities of gold dust: Western: From Forbes, 622 oz. 16 dwts. 21 grs.; Sofala, 765 oz. 14 dwts. 5 grs. Tamboraora: 1019 oz. 17 dwts. 21 grs. Bathurst, 743 oz. 2 dwts. 19 grs.; Hargrave, 581 oz. 10 dwts. 3 grs. Orange, 1485 oz. 2 dwts. 1 gr. Stony Creek, 948 oz. 1 dwts. 20 grs. Mudgee, 723 oz. 14 dwts. 13 grs. South-east: Gungahlin, 81 oz. 12 dwts. 18 grs.; Broadwood, 166 oz. 12 dwts. 13 grs.; Adelong, 934 oz. 11 dwts. 12 grs.; Nerrigundah, 280 oz. Northern: 584 oz. 18 dwts. Total, 10,346 oz. 17 dwts. 17 grs.

There has not been so much business doing in the share market this week, but, as holders have been more desirous of realising, prices of most shares have ruled lower. The fluctuations that have taken place during the week are as follows: Bank of New South Wales shares are not so firm, and, as some large sales have been made by parties desirous of paying up their new shares in full, prices have given way about 20s. per share. Sales in exchange for Australasian Steam Navigation shares have, however, been made at rather better prices.

rates. Commercial Bank shares are very firm, and a small sale was reported to-day at an advance of 10s. per share. Australian Joint Stock Bank shares were sold at the commencement of the week at a decline of 2s. 6d. to 5s. per share, but they have since recovered and holders are asking the former price. City Bank shares are dull of sale and have given way 7s. 6d. per share. In Steam shares, the principal transactions have been exchanging Australian Steam Navigation shares for Bank of New South Wales shares at £27. and £26.

for the former, and £50 10s. and £49 15s. for the latter. Illawarra Steam Navigation shares are not so firm, and have been sold privately at a decline of 12s. 6d. per share on the last prices quoted. Wallend Coal shares are in better demand. A sale has been made at an improvement of 5s. per share, and holders are now anticipating higher rates. Gas shares are hardly so firm, and the new shares have been sold at a slight decline on the price ruling before the dividend was declared. Insurance shares have not been dealt in this week but are

most of the companies have suffered by the late fire at Brisbane, lower rates must be submitted in order to effect sales. The following are the prices at which sales have been made during the week:—Bank of New South Wales, £50 and £49 per share. In exchange for Steam, £50 10s. and £49 15s. per share. Commercial Bank, £52, £52 10s., £52 15s., and £53 per share. Australian Joint Stock Bank, £12 12s. 6d., £12 10s., and £12 15s. per share; new shares, £6 8s. 6d. per share. City Bank, £6, £5 15s., £5 10s. 6d.

per share; £10 paid—£10 15s. and £10 12s. 6d. per share. Australasian Steam Navigation Company (in exchange for Bank of New South Wales), £27 and £26 per share. Illawarra Steam Navigation Company, £3 10s. per share. Australian Gas-light Company (new shares), £9 per share. WallSEND Coal Company, £3 ss. per share. Sydney Exchange Company, £3 per share.

DEBENTURES.—Government Debentures are steady. Interminables have changed hands at 99½. 3½% Interminables have been sold at 99½.

The following table will show the closing prices of our securities, as well as the rate at which business has been transacted during the week:—

CAPITAL.	COMPANIES.	PER CENT.	CLOSING PRICES.	BUSINESS DONE.
5	Bank.	100		

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300,000	Illwaco	\$2	3 to 4	
400,000	Insurance Co.	\$2	1 to 2	
600,000	Central Marine	\$2	1 to 2	
150,000	N. W. Marine	\$2	3 to 4	
350,000	Sydney Fire	\$2	3 to 4	
500,000	Pacific Fire	\$2	1 to 2	
500,000	Marine	\$2	4 to 5	
600,000	United Fire and Marine	\$1	1 to 2	
	<i>Miscellaneous Cos.</i>			
500,000	East Light	\$2	18	
	Intero	\$2	9	
100,000	Western Exchange	\$1	1	
40,000	Plymouth Bridge	\$2	2 to 3	
100,000	Winnant Coal	\$1	1	
134,000	Newcastle Coal & Coke	\$2		
	Casper	\$2		
20,000	Tongue Coal	\$4		

80,000	Warrior Coal	\$2 4	6
70,000	Marys	\$3	...
	Little	\$2	...
100,000	Peak Down Copper	\$1 1/2 to \$	3
Debitment			
	Government Guila	\$...
	1866, 1871, 1873,	100	101 to 102
	1874, 1876, 1886,
	1891 and 1898	100	98 to 99
	Interchange	100	100 to 101
	Quenadand Govt.	100	100 to 101
	A. S. M. Co., due in	100	100 to 101
	1866 and 1869	100	96 to 100
	City of Sydney	100	96 to 100
	Pyramit Bridge	100	100 to 100 1/2
	Co., due in 1888,	100	100 to 100 1/2
	and 1894	100	100 to 100 1/2

On, due from 1900 to 1901	100	100 to 301	100
Norwegian Coal and Copper, due in 1900	100	504	—
Illawarra Steam, due in 1900	100	1014	—
Yamaguchi Coal	100	253	—

Business has been dull during the week, and we have very little movement to record in our markets. The late English news contained in our telegrams has not caused much speculation, and buyers are not willing to act until the arrival of their advices. The principal feature has been

TEAS.—The cargo of *teas ex Mary and Eliza*

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THOMAS DAWSON: Far Cattle—This market may be considered as being very quiet. Arrivals are likely to be numerous next week, and therefore prices will show some reaction may be expected after that time. Time cattle are still worth \$5. I have sold 50 head of yearling steers at \$4.75; also 100 head of heifers at \$4.75. Yearlings at \$6.50. Fat Steers—Market firm at quotations. We have 1c for best westerns; 10c to 12c second hand. I have sold this morning 1270 of De Larue's at \$11.85, second class; 1000 of Gibson's at \$11.50, and 1400 of Smith's at \$11.00; priority in all these cases taken at Pictou.

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such enquiry. It is difficult to quote prices, as all depend on where they are, and what they are. Horses Maxxer completely ignores, and does not even mention, pure sows, which I think "NOR"—the same remarks will apply to this as to those above.

CATTLE.—STATIONS—I have several enquiries for good stations, or favored districts, for which the demand is good. Pioneers and hardy Americans are anxious to get descriptions of stock, except lambs, which are scarce. The following are prices obtained—cattle, 10 to 50¢; lambs, 16 to 19¢; pigs, 8 to 10¢; calves, 7 to 10¢; roasters, 2¢; fowls, 10¢ to 15¢; ducks, 10¢ to 15¢; turkeys, 10¢ to 15¢; geese, 10¢ to 15¢; chickens, 10¢ to 15¢; rolls, 10¢ to 15¢; potatoes, 10¢ to 15¢; apples, 10¢ to 15¢; lard, 10¢ to 15¢; sugar, 10¢ to 15¢; butter, 10¢ to 15¢; hay, 10¢ to 15¢; straw, 10¢ to 15¢.

BUTTER MARKET.—The market continues to be well supplied, and prices are satisfactory.

HORSE MARKET.

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LABOUR MARKET.
C. GAYN.—The supply of labour is now considerably in excess of the demand. Last year's crop, together with floods, is operating against the labour market. Immigrants per Montreal are still dissipated. Female servants.—The supply of this class of servants is equal to demand. Wages continue at the same scale as the former quarters.

SYDNEY MARKETS.—FRIDAY.
Unless otherwise expressed, the prices quoted in this article are those in transactions between the producer and first purchaser.
Wheat—Flour \$20 for silk-dressed, and \$18 for second quality per ton of 250 lbs. Bran 14 ad wet, bulk.

Biscuits 1 lb. Wet. White, quets cabin at 30s, and navy at 30s per 100 lbs. Mr. Hutton's cabin 30s, navy 30s per 100 lbs.

Bread, 6d per 2 lb. loaf.

Butter, Cane, and Dairy Produce.—Eggs 2s 6d to 3s, ducks to 4s 6d, geese to 6s, turkeys 6s to 15s, pigeons 1s to 1s 6d, chickens 1s 6d to 2s, fowls 1s 6d to 2s, ducks 1s 6d, per couple; brooding pigs to 7s each; butter 8d to 1s, cheese 1s 6d to 2s each and ham 8d to 1s, and 6d to 7d, per lb. Eggs 1s 6d to 1s per dozen.

Meat.—Beef 1d to 1½, mutton 3d to 4d, pork 5d to 1s, veal 5d to 6d per lb, lamb 4d to 6d per lb.

Vegetables.—Potatoes 3s to 7s, onions 10s to 14s per cwt.; cabbages 2s 6d to 16s, cauliflowers to 2s 6d, lettuce 1s to 1s 6d, cucumbers 1s 6d to 2s, asparagus 1s 6d to 2s, green beans 1s 6d to 2s; turnips 3s to 3s 6d, carrots to 2s 6d, parsnips to 2s 6d, celeriac 2s to 4s, celery 6s to 8s, rhubarb 2s to 3s, leeks 5s to 6s per dozen bunches; green peas 10s, French beans to 2s per bushel.

Fruit.—Oranges 6d to 10d, lemons 6d to 1s, pineapples 5s to 3s,
 bananas 1s to 1s, water melons 4s to 6s, mook melons 4s to 6s, figs
 2s to 3s, passion fruit 1d to 3d per dozen; guavas 4s to 10s, pears
 1s to 2s, peaches 4s to 10s, quinces 3s to 5s, d. per case; grapes 4d
 6d per lb.
 Produce.—Maize 4s to 6s, oats 4s to 6s, barley 4s to 4s
 6d, wheat 4s to 6s, straw 1s to 2s, rice 1s to 2s, sugar 1s to 2s,
 coffee 3s to 4s, cotton 6d to 8s per cwt.; grain hay 4s to 6s,
 per cwt. bundles.
 Bark.—4d to 5s per cwt.

MAILLAND MARKETS.
 [FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]
 The following are the prices of the principal articles with wholesale
 trade, April 11th, 1891. It is anticipated that if the present fine weather con-
 tinues, and the roads and rivers become passable, trade will
 resume brisk in consequence of the bareness of stocks on the
 coast.

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to 56 per bu. Ciguare 120s to 130s per 1000.
Carriage.—Carriers are at present unwilling to take loads, and demand will exist as soon as the roads and rivers are open.
Wool.—No arrivals this week. Quotations: Washed, 1s 5d to 54d per lb.; greasy wool, 5s to 50 per lb.
Woolpacks.—10-lb. bags, 7s to 6s 6d each. Three-bushel bags, 10s to 9s 6d each.
Flour.—The demand for flour still continues good; some of the bakers are not disposed to purchase much at present, thinking that prices will shortly be easier. Fine flour is quoted at 23s 6d per barrel, and medium at 22s 6d per barrel.
Wheat.—The millers are entirely dependent on imported grain, most of them having heavy stocks. Prices nominal.
Maize.—Very little has been offered this week. Some of the meal is heavy.
Barley and pollard in good demand, at 5s. per 100 lb. retail.
Hay.—Good lucerne is quoted at 8s to 10s per ton. Oaten

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Fruit—Apples 2d to 3s per dozen wholesale, 6d to 1s 6d
 retail; pears 6d to 1s per dozen wholesale, 1d to 1½d each;
 peaches 1d to 3d per dozen wholesale, 2d to 4d retail; grapes
 1d to 1½ per dozen wholesale, 3d to 6d retail; pine apples 5s per
 dozen wholesale, 1s each.
 Butchers' Meat.—Beef 1s per 100 lbs. wholesale, 3d per lb.
 retail; mutton 4d to 6d wholesale, 1d to 6d retail; pork 4d to 7d
 per lb. retail; lamb 6d to 1s 6d per quarter; veal 6d per lb.
Marine Market.—Maidland sole 1s 6d to 7s per lb.; Sydney
 sole 1s 6d to 2s per lb.; leather 1s to 2d per lb.; Maidland and Sydney pig
 2s to 3s per lb.; Calishas 3s to 5s per lb.; French and English

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